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Part B for June 32

R.A. Section. — **SUBJECT.**
Entrusting the work of Village Panchayats
to the District Board Agency

No final order.

Directs that the R. A. Section may be informed
that necessary action has been taken by the
Revenue Commissioner.

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11. Government agreed to enquire into all the points about Village Panchayets brought to the notice of the House and also to consider whether it would be possible to entrust the work of these Panchayets to the District Board agency. (Page 750 of June 1931 L.C. Proceedings.)

The following points were brought to the notice of Govt. during the discussions.

- 1) Power of electing their own Chairman should be given to all ~~panch~~ Panchayets.
- 2) Taking the signature of the Village Panchayet clerk while crediting the amount to the Treasury to be done away with.
- 3) Countersignature of the Amildar for withdrawing the amount from the Treasury is not necessary.
- 4) Village Panchayets are at present not allowed a free hand to use their funds.
- 5) Prompt attention is not paid to collection work in Panchayets.
- 6) Major portions of V.P. funds are

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ROUTINE NOTES

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- 1) Savings Bank deposit book is not now allowed to be kept with the Chairman of the Village Panchayat.
- 2) There is no executive agency through which Village Panchayat work can be executed.
- 3) Nomination of Chairman of Village Panchayats should be done away with.
- 10) Interference of the Amildars in Panchayat affairs hampers the progress in Village Panchayats and hence amildars should be divested of the supervision and control over Village Panchayats.

~~Submission with a draft to the~~
~~Rev Commr for approval~~
 If approved the file may be
 referred respectfully to the
 Rev Commr for forwarding an
 expression of his views in the matter.

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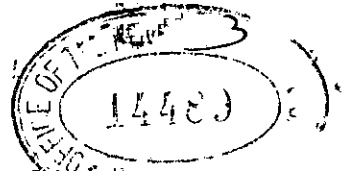
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Forwarded to the Rev Commr in Mysore for favour of
 furnishing his views in the matter.
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28 APR. 1932



Returned with compliments.

1. Power of electing their own chairmen should be given to all Village Panchayets:-

GENERAL SECRETARY,
28 APR. 1932
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2. Taking the signature of Village Panchayet Clerk while crediting amounts to the Treasury done away with:-

1. Now that the Village Panchayets have been in existence for over five years and have gained some experience, it may be adopted as a general policy, to confer the privilege of election of chairmen on the Village Panchayets wherever they ask for it and proper men are forthcoming. It is not however practicable to do away with the system of nomination altogether.

2. There is no provision in the Rules for taking the signature of the Village Panchayet Clerk to the Chellan while crediting the Village Panchayet amount to the Treasury. The practice, where prevalent, is unauthorised and has evidently sprung up by considerations of convenience, as the Village Panchayets do not send regularly, as required by rules, the Day Book Copy every month to the Taluk Office. Circular instructions will be issued to put a stop to this practice and to enforce the rules regarding submission of Day Book Copies.

3. Countersignature of the Amildar for withdrawing the amounts from the Treasury is not necessary:-

3. Countersignature by the Amildar of withdrawal forms presented by the chairman to the Treasury has been ordered to be given up in Government Order No.L.8835-45/V.P. 97-29-2 dated 5th June, 1930. Circular instructions will be issued from this office to put a stop to the practice if still prevalent in any of the Taluks.

4. No restrictions as to the utilisation of Village Panchayet Funds by the Village Panchayets have been placed. Circular instructions have been issued by this office to prepare programmes of work with a view to prevent wastage of funds and frittering away of resources on unimportant and temporary works. Circular instructions have also been issued for spending the amounts as beneficially as possible, instead of locking them up in Savings Banks.

5. Till recently the collection work in Village Panchayets was attended to by the Village Panchayets themselves, but owing to the slackness on the part of the Chairmen, the collection was poor. Most of the Village Panchayets had also heavy legacies of arrears from the Village Panchayets under the old scheme. To improve the position, rules have been sanctioned by Government for entrusting collection work, wherever the Village Panchayets so desire, to Village Officers and pay commission to them. Similarly rules have been sanctioned for writing off old and irrecoverable arrears. Owing to adverse seasonal conditions and the inability of the villagers to pay up their arrears, there has not been perceptible improvement. However, the collection work and reduction of arrears by remission etc., are being closely watched and necessary instructions are being issued from time to time.

4. Village Panchayets are not at present allowed a free hand to use their funds:-

5. Prompt attention is not paid to collection work in Village Panchayets:-

6. Major portions of Village Panchayet Funds are spent on mere superfluous and unnecessary things:-

7. Savings Bank Deposit Book is not allowed to be kept with the Chairman of the Village Panchayet:-

8. There is no executive Agency through which the Village Panchayet work can be executed.

6. To prevent spending of funds on superfluous and unnecessary objects, circular instructions have already been issued to prepare well-considered programmes of work in Village Panchayets, as mentioned in para 4 supra. The members have taken objection to the spending of money on Gate-pillars and Name-boards which are intended for the beautification of villages. The amount spent by Village Panchayets on this account is not much.

✓ 7. Needful instructions have been issued, in this office letter No.C.3919/30-31 dated 3rd July 1931, that the Pass Books should be handed over to the Chairmen and not kept in Taluk Offices. Reports have been received from six Deputy Commissioners that this has been carried out. Apparently, it has been carried out in the other two ^{District} ~~Deputy Commissioners~~ also. A further reference will, however, be made to the Deputy Commissioners, to make sure that the Pass Books are not kept in the Taluk Office but are returned to the Chairmen.

8. The posts of Village Panchayet Inspectors and Organisers had to be abolished under orders of Government, as a measure of retrenchment. Though there is no separate executive agency now for Village Panchayet work, the Revenue Inspectors are attending to this work as ex-officio Village Panchayet Inspectors, and their

work is being controlled and supervised by the Officers of the Revenue Department as before. A separate agency for Village Panchayet work is however necessary.

9. It has already been stated that nomination of Chairman cannot be altogether done away with (vide para 1 supra), though the power of electing chairmen may be conceded more freely.

10. So long as the Village Panchayet Administration is vested in the Revenue Department, the Amildars have to exercise powers of control over Village Panchayets and they cannot be divested of the powers.

In regard to the transfers of the administrative control over Village Panchayets to District Boards, I am of opinion that the time has not yet come. The Panchayets have not yet come into full working order and I see no particular advantage in handing over one class of local bodies to the control of another. Each should be autonomous in itself and the only outside control should be by Government. The present arrangement is based on this correct principle and there are no good reasons for deviating from it.

9. Nomination of Chairman to Village Panchayet should be done away with:-

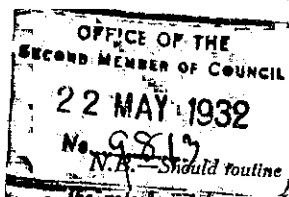
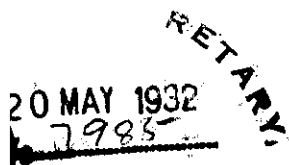
10. Interference of the Amildars in Panchayet affairs hampers the progress in Village Panchayets and hence Amildars should be divested of the supervision and control over the Village Panchayets:-

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Re: Para 13 infra

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